

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Docket No. 2004-26-T

Application of Coastal Carrier Moving and Storage
Grand Strand, Inc. for a Class E (Household Goods)
Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity for
Operation of Motor Vehicle Carrier – Application to
Amend Class E (Household Goods) Certificate No.
9738

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**ORDER APPROVING
AMENDED CLASS E
CERTIFICATE**

ORDER #

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the Application of Coastal Carrier Moving and Storage Grand Strand, Inc. (“Coastal Carrier” or “Applicant”) for an Amended Class E (Household Goods) Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. Applicant currently has authority to transport household goods between points in Horry and Marion Counties pursuant to Certificate No. 9738 issued on June 29, 2004. The Applicant now seeks authority to operate statewide in all Counties in South Carolina. Notice of this matter was timely published pursuant to 10 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-817(C)(3)(a). No private parties intervened as required by May 6, 2019. The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”) noticed its appearance on March 28, 2019.

A hearing in this matter was scheduled for July 10, 2019. Prior to that date, on June 26, 2019, Applicant filed the Affidavit of Britta Cammarata (“Cammarata”), Executive Director of Portside at Grande Dunes, along with the Motion for Permission to Present Shipper Witness Testimony by Affidavit. On June 27, 2019, Applicant filed the Pre-file Testimony of Matthew R. Oates (“Oates”), General Manager of Applicant and a Motion for Expedited Review of the

Application. On June 27, 2019, Hearing Officer Randall Dong issued a directive granting Applicant's Motion for Permission to Present Shipper Witness Testimony by Affidavit and continuing the hearing pending the Commission's ruling on expedited review.

On July 10, 2019, Alexander W. Knowles, Esq., on behalf of the ORS, filed a letter stating ORS did not object to Applicant's Motion to waive the hearing. In addition, Mr. Knowles stated that the Transportation Department reviewed the amended Tariff of Applicant and found that it complied with the Commission's rules and regulations and that Applicant otherwise is operating in accordance with the same, there have been no consumer complaints against the Applicant in the last twelve months, and Applicant is in compliance with the Annual Report and Gross Receipt filing requirements.

The Pre-File Testimony of Oates stated that Gordon Wayne Ray, Jr. owns 100% of the interest of the Applicant. Applicant was organized as a corporation in the State of South Carolina in 2004 and is located at 289 Highway 90, Suite F, Little River, South Carolina 29566. Its sister company is Coastal Carriers, Inc. doing business as Coastal Carrier Moving and Storage that is headquartered in Wilmington, North Carolina, has been in business since 2000, and is a respected member of the North Carolina household goods industry holding North Carolina Utilities Commission License No. C-2286. In addition, the Applicant holds common carrier household goods authority from the United States Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, being assigned MC No. 425982. It also has been assigned USDOT No. 1010926.

Applicant opened its South Carolina location to provide household goods transportation and storage services for Horry and Marion Counties in June, 2004. Since that time, Applicant has received inquiries daily for quotes between points in the other counties in South Carolina. It

is clear that there is now more than ever a shortage of available moving equipment and that the public convenience and necessity requires its services on a Statewide basis.

The Affidavit of Shipper Support Witness Cammarata states that she is the Executive Director of Portside at Grande Dunes ("Portside"), located at 901 Portside Drive, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina 29588. Portside is a Continuing Care Retirement Community ("CCRC"). She is aware that Coastal Carrier currently holds Certificate No. 9738 from the South Carolina Public Service Commission ("Commission") to transport household goods between points in Horry and Marion Counties in South Carolina. While Portside regularly recommends movers to its new residents, Applicant has been its preferred household goods mover because of its outstanding service.

Portside consists of 120 units totaling 104,000 square feet. Apartments range from 439 square feet to 875 square feet; and are one and two bedrooms. Portside provides retirement living, assisted living, and memory care and soon will provide independent living. Its residents come to it from throughout South Carolina as well as other states with approximately 70% from within South Carolina. Also, Ms. Cammarata stays current on the population and economic trends taking place across South Carolina. She states that there is a present need for additional statewide intrastate moving services from and to all points in South Carolina. As it has in the past, Portside would absolutely refer moves to Applicant.

On July 9, 2019, Applicant filed its Tariff and Bill of Lading; and on July 10, 2019, it revised its Tariff.

By Directive dated July 11, 2019, the Commission granted the request of Coastal Carrier Moving and Storage Grand Strand, Inc. to Amend its Tariff, to Amend its Scope of Authority to Operate Statewide, and to Waive the Hearing.

The Commission finds here the Application to be in order. Additionally, we conclude that the Applicant has demonstrated that it is fit, willing, and able to operate as a household goods mover pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-23-330 and 10 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-133, between all points in South Carolina. Furthermore, we find that the public convenience and necessity is not already being met by existing authorized carriers. Therefore, the Application of Coastal Carrier Moving and Storage Grand Strand, Inc. should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The Application of Coastal Carrier Moving and Storage Grand Strand, Inc. for an amended Class E (Household Goods) Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity is approved for the Applicant to transport household goods statewide in and between all Counties in South Carolina. The Applicant will provide service according to its amended Tariff.

2. The Applicant shall file with the Office of Regulatory Staff the proper insurance, safety rating, and other information required by S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-23-10 et. seq. (1976), as amended, and by 10 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-100 through 103-241 of the Commission's Rules and Regulations for Motor Carriers, as amended, and 2 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 38-400 through 38-503 (Supp. 2016) of the Department of Public Safety's Rules and Regulations for Motor Carriers, as amended, within ninety (90) days of the date of this Order, or within such additional time as may be authorized by the Commission.

3. Upon compliance with S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-23-10 et. seq. (1976), as amended, and the applicable Regulations for Motor Carriers, S.C. Code Ann. Regs. Vol. 10 (1976), as amended, a Certificate shall be issued by the Office of Regulatory Staff authorizing the motor carrier services granted herein.

4. Prior to compliance with the above-referenced requirements and receipt of a Certificate, the motor carrier services authorized by this Order shall not be provided.

5. Failure of the Applicant to either (1) comply with all statutory and regulatory requirements within ninety (90) days of the date of this Order; or (2) request and obtain from the Commission additional time to comply with the requirements shall result in this Order granting the Application to become null and void and the Application shall be dismissed without prejudice. In this event, no further order of this Commission is necessary.

6. Pursuant to the two-month reporting requirement contained in Order No. 2014-443 (May 21, 2014), the ORS is requested to furnish the name and docket number of the Applicant to the Commission, should the Applicant fail to meet the requirements of the present Order. After such notification, the Docket shall be closed.

7. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

_____,Chairman

ATTEST:

_____,Vice Chairman